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SUBJECT: USSR WHEAT EXPORTS

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1. AG.ATTACHE FINALLY REACHED SECOND CONTACT TODAY ON THIS MATTER. HE WOULD SAY NO MORE THAN (A) IWC FIGURES ARE THEIR NUMBERS AND HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED BY GOSU; AND (B) REITERATED GORDEYEV'S CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS OF PURCHASES BY GDR AND POLAND.

2. WHEN QUERIED SPECIFICALLY IF DISCUSSION INCLUDED MENTION OF AROUND 250,000 M/T CZECH PROCUREMENT FOR USSR, HE INDICATED HE COULD NOT RECALL. (ACTUALLY, IT WAS NOT RAISED BY ASST. SECTY BELL.) ABOVE WOULD ONLY MEAN CONFIRMED COMMITMENT OF TWO MMT OF GRAIN OF WHICH, IN OUR GUESSTIMATE, ABOUT 1.1 IS WHEAT.

3. IN GENERAL, WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THAT USSR GRAIN EXPORTS DURING 1976/77 MARKETING YEAR WILL BE HELD TO MINIMUM DUE NEED TO REBUILD STOCKS AND
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POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF POOR OVERALL CONDITION OF 1976 CROP GRAIN PRODUCED IN EUROPEAN USSR. AREA EXTENDED AT LEAST AS FAR EAST AS ORENBURG WHERE SPROUTING OF UNCOMBINED GRAIN WAS REPORTEDLY BY OUR SPRING GRAIN TEAM. DUE INVOLVED MOISTURE SHRINK AND SPOLIAGE WASTE,AND ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF MAXI-MIZING FEED AVAILABILITY, IT IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY

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IMPROBABLE THAT SOVIET ORIGIN GRAIN EXPORTS WILL RETURN TO AVERAGE LEVELS OF LATE 1960'S OF 6-7 MILLION TONS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ALMOST CERTAIN NEED TO RESTOCK GRAIN. OVERALL GOOD CONDITION OF NEW LANDS CROP, HOWEVER, SHOULD GUARANTEE AMPLE TOTAL SUPPLY OF HIGH QUALITY MILLING WHEAT, AND MEAN AVAILABILITY FOR EXPORT OF WHEAT IS ON THE WHOLE BETTER THAN EXPORT SURPLUSES OF BARLEY.
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